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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ADOPT BUILDING  
CODES THAT PRESERVE HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE.

1 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu has designed and  
2 implemented special area plans for particular neighborhoods and  
3 towns throughout the State, including:

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- 5 (1) Ewa Villages Master Plan in 1992;
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- 7 (2) Waipahu Town Plan in 1995;
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- 9 (3) Waipahu Livable Communities Initiative in 1998;
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- 11 (4) Kalaeloa Redevelopment Plan in 2000;
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- 13 (5) Aiea-Pearl City Livable Communities Plan in 2004;
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- 15 (6) Kalihi-Palama Action Plan in 2004;
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- 17 (7) Waialua Town Master Plan in 2005;
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- 19 (8) Kahaluu Community Master Plan in 2007;
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- 21 (9) Waimanalo Community Business Center Study in 2008;
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- 23 (10) Kaneohe Town Plan in 2009;
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- 25 (11) Makaha Special Area Plan in 2009; and
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- 27 (12) Pearl Harbor Historic Trail Master Plan in 2011; and
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29 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu has adopted urban  
30 design plans to further develop residential and professional  
31 areas on Oahu, including:

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- 33 (1) Wahiawa Urban Design Plan in 1998;



(2) Kapolei Urban Design Plan in 2007;

(3) Mehana Design Guidelines in 2008; and

(4) University of Hawaii West Oahu Non-campus Lands Urban Design Plan in 2011; and

WHEREAS, special area plans provide communities with the opportunity to define the identity, function, organization, and character of their specific neighborhoods in accordance with the general planning framework provided by the neighborhood development plan or sustainable communities plan; and

WHEREAS, an urban design plan is typically required as a condition of a zoning change approval for larger areas of land; and

WHEREAS, an urban design plan provides a framework for site planning, land use, circulation, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, many urban design plans are the result of collaborative community meetings, general community input, and research from various reports by task forces; and

WHEREAS, the Wahiawa Urban Design Plan is based on multiple sources and forms of community-based contribution, including:

(1) Review of the Wahiawa Town Master Plan in 1994;

(2) Wahiawa's Central Oahu Development Plan revision program;

(3) Input from the first meeting of the task force convened in 1996 to design the Wahiawa Urban Design Plan; and

(4) Comments and input from task force members that had visited and explored the site; and

WHEREAS, an urban design plan is primarily intended to balance the practical issues involved in development and



1 redevelopment of an area with the over-arching goal of  
2 maintaining the area's unique identity; and  
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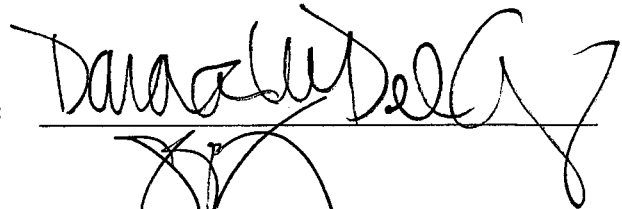
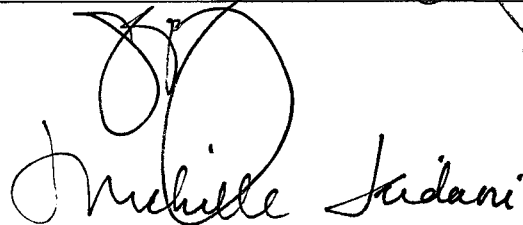
4 WHEREAS, the model of urban plan design is malleable enough  
5 such that small rural town communities may create an urban plan  
6 that fulfills the needs of its residents while preserving and  
7 encouraging structural restoration of its historic identity; and  
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9 WHEREAS, landscape designs coordinated with existing  
10 architectural themes provide a strong foundation for an urban  
11 design plan intended to powerfully reflect the historic identity  
12 of a rural town; now, therefore,  
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the  
16 House of Representatives concurring, that the City and County of  
17 Honolulu adopt building codes that preserve historic  
18 architecture; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
22 Board of Land and Natural Resources, Mayor of the City and  
23 County of Honolulu, and Director of the Department of Planning  
24 and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu.  
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